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Officers Jim Flythe, Tom Moffat, Marjorie Moffat and directors E. J. Lewis, David Hasinger, Ed Schnettler, Jack Ullrich, Cliff Bean and Dee Johnson wish to extend to you a wish that your new year be a happy, healthy one!

MORE NEWS ON MARCH 30 and 31st TRIAL

Trial chairman, Jack Ullrich, writes: Dates are confirmed as March 30 and 31 at Hawfield Plantation near Orange, Va. Headquarters will be the President Madison Inn in Orange. Close by is the DeVivi Motel and Restaurant also offering accommodations. There are horse and dog quarters aplenty at the grounds.

What has been called "The Hawfield Story" has been recounted in the "Field" many times. Concise it to say Hawfield has been developed and maintained as the ideal quail-field trial habitat largely by the late Field Trial Hall of Famer, Guy H. Lewis, Jr. Now Guy's sons Guy H. III and Stuart have taken up the torch along with the Virginia Game Commission.

"Jim Flythe stopped by so we were able to hash things over". So as to provide the best possible conditions for the Championship with freshest courses it will be run first (Saturday). This will put the longest time interval between the Ch. and the Spring Classic, the two stakes with the most duplication of entries. Next will come 20 min. puppy heats, then 30 min. derby and shooting dog last. All of these stakes will be run on continuous and contiguous courses. It might be said that Hawfield trials can be fine family trials and this nor any future trials run by the club will be cancelled after being announced. We hope you can plan to be there with us for this important Red Setter event!

Dan Pahy, Faith Farm, Rd. #1, Blairstown, N. J. has kindly consented to act as trial secretary and will receive entries. Fees will remain the same and will be listed in the Feb. issue. These will not include however the handler's horse.

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Some of the fine wins by our club members' Irish sent to Ed Schnettler (Route 1, Clear Lake, Minn.) are:

Autumn Hills Count, 3rd at Maiden, N. C. placed by Jim Flythe; Judy of the Lodge owned and handled by Frank Glynn was 1st Open Derby at West Allis; Kelly of Tiffany Woods, Dr. J. N. Clark owner, was 3rd Open Derby also at West Allis. (This is Autumn Hills Duke an Flamer's Rock's Flame.) Chapultepec owned by Bill Cargo was 2nd in Open Puppy at Pleasant Valley, C. Timmy's Baby Bean, owned by Bob Harrison and handled by Jim Barnes took 3rd in Open Shooting Dog at Santa Caligan and 2nd in Irish only Open Shooting Dog. Vanita's Wild Gael, owned by Mrs. J. S. Von Wye and handled by Barnes was 3rd in this latter.

Roses' Whirlaway Heba, owned by C. T. Scott, (littermate to Chief) went first in both Shooting Dog stakes at Santa C. Reed's Coppertone Lady, E. J. Beed of Fern, Kansas, won the 1st spot in Open Derby.

Chief's Red Boy, T. L. Dwyler, placed 2nd in Open Class and 1st in Country, another lead dog, was 3rd in puppy at same distance and this fine dog was recently killed by a car. This is certainly a tragedy.

So all of you who have dogs in the A.M. B.W. breed race which are A.M. please remember to report your dogs with any of your dogs to see if they are to qualify also remember that the award can only be made to a member in good standing. Dues must be paid!

- Double Jet 224
- Shannon of Redwood 204
- Autumn Hills Sam 180
- Vanitate's Wild One 169
- Whirlaway Chief 132
- Autumn Hills Penny 128
- Miller's Tiger Lily 121
- Schnet's Little Red 104
- Windy Ridge Tammy 84 (no points for Cliff's Jeer)
- Judy of the Lodge 76
- Timmy's Baby Bean 61
- County Clare's Lad 58
- County Clare's Squire 50
- D'Mar's Whirling Rebel 48

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Welcome to new members Dale Brubaker, 170 Hamblewood Rd., Ellinwood City, Mo.; Harvey Crawley, 510 W. Elm St., Hopedon, Ill.; and Robert E. Garner, I. S. C. of Nashville, 4903 Tanglewood Dr., Nashville, Tenn. Also please note a change of address for George L. Markey to 3053 Greenmount Ave., Orlando, Florida 32806.

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Mrs. Linton W. Pound, Rt. 2 Old Alabama Road, Roswell, Ga. 30075, is looking for a male Irish preferably of the line Jack Kendrick line to train and enter in spring trials. If you have a young male that might qualify for sale contact her. They are out for dual champions so would prefer A.M.

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Mr. LeGrande has referred John S. Hawkinson, 412 N. Marshall, Litchfield, Minn. 55355, to us for a female Irish of hunting strain. Any information concerning registration, blood lines, price etc. of what you might have for him please send directly to him.

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Harold B. Austin, Rt. 1, Box 211, New London, N. J. 25107 has a litter of pups whelped Oct. 4 sired by George Royale ex. Bunny Christie daughter of Kentucky Bedbird and Kyjashird owned by Judge Robert Tolson. Further information may be had by calling 704-962-8311 or writing the above address. George Royale is also available for stud service.

Harold C. (Pop) Brinn of Woodlawn Farm, Crawell, N. C. also has a few pups available by Woodlawn Pat ex. Tomboy. Another litter is expected in early March. Write to above address, no route needed

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In answer to Robert Miller and others who may have been wondering, yes we do have emblems available at 50¢ for sticking on car windows and the patches for coats at \$1. though they are in limited supply now. These along with our better membership cards need to be re-ordered.

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Are your dues paid? If not please mail your check for \$5. to Mrs. Thomas S. Maffat, 4369 Forest Ave., Fontaine, Mich. 48034 so we may continue having you with us each year.

Canine Hip Dysplasia

My interest has been aroused by learning that the Red Setter too has become a victim of the hip joint disease "hip dysplasia". In the past 10-12 years I have heard of some "hush-hush" talk about an "old" dog and this disease. There seemed to be an attitude of "keep-it quiet - don't tell anyone - act like an cripple and time will take care of it."

Hip dysplasia may be defined as badly formed hip joints. Apparently it is a man made disease. In some cases the dog may become crippled. Puppies are not born with displastic hips but may develop bad hips as they mature. Dr. W. H. Riser has done much research in this field and is Project Director of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc., in Philadelphia. This is a non-profit organization established with the aim of controlling and eliminating musculoskeletal disease in animals. Dr. Riser and Harry Miller have written a book "Canine Hip Dysplasia and How to Control It". This book is written in simple language and is full of pertinent information every dog breeder should have. The book may be obtained for \$4.50 by writing OFA, Hip Dysplasia Control Registry, P. O. Box 8251, Philadelphia, Pa., 19101. Such questions as "How do you prevent it?", "What are the indications of the disease?", "What type of dogs are affected the most?" etc." are answered in this book.

The OFA director has asked all the dog clubs to declare war on hip dysplasia. Since the disease is primarily hereditary, breeding dogs with normal hips will reduce the chance of pups having this disease. Dr. Riser's book very clearly explains this. Three points brought out to be kept in mind in a control breeding program are:

1. Select dogs with normal hips.
2. Select dogs with sufficient pelvic muscle mass (hip, rump and loin muscles) to maintain stable hip joints.
3. Select dogs that grow more slowly from birth to 4 or 5 months of age.

Condemning owners and breeders of producing dogs with bad hips does not help the situation. Most reputable breeders try to produce sound dogs. The club should take a forward approach to the "War of hip dysplasia". At the present time we are considering a stud and dam listing of dogs that have been certified to be radiologically free of it. The certification would be made by the OFA at a cost of \$10. This would reduce the amount of h. c. considerably within the next few years & eventually completely. Too often owners invest considerable time and effort & money in a young dog before they learn he cannot make the grade because of bad hips. What are your feelings regarding the club declaring war on Hip Dysplasia? Have you had your breeding stock checked?

-James T. Flythe, President.